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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere. Colston Clippings.

Colston, May 2.—Many young people of the Colston section attended the Oak Grove picnic last Saturday. All report a jolly good time.

Mrs. Ella Valentine, of the Cope section, visited her daughter, Mrs. H. J. McMillan, last Sunday.

The many friends of Mr. J. D. Kirkland and Miss Arsula Walker were very much surprised last Sunday when they returned from Ehrhardt joined in holy matrimony. They have the hearty congratulations of their many friends in this section. The young folks of this community serenaded them last Monday night.

Miss Alberta Kearse, of the Colston section, spent the week-end with Miss Clara Bell Copeland, of the Oak Grove section, last week.

Mr. John G. Clayton left Sunday for the Baptist hospital in Columbia to undergo an operation for appendicitis. His many friends hope for him a speedy recovery.

The near relatives of Mr. R. F. Kirkland visited at his home last Thursday, April 27, to celebrate his 53rd birthday.

Messrs. Reuben Kearse and Vernon McMillan were the guests of Mr. Marion McMillan Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Elgin McMillan was the guest of Mr. Frank Kirkland, Jr., Saturday night and Sunday.

Branchville Breezes.

Branchville, April 29.—Miss Ruth Johnson, of Palarka, Ga., visited Mrs. C. L. Bruce last week.

P. H. Fans, of Holly Hill, was here Sunday.

O. G. Rhoad spent the week-end in Augusta with relatives.

Mrs. J. H. Johnson, of Fort Motte, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bruce, here last week.

Mrs. W. A. Isler and little daughter, of Augusta, are guests of Mrs. S. S. Byrd.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Simmons entertained the young people of Branchville on Thursday evening. The guests were asked to shell peanuts for a certain time. The couple who shelled most was presented a prize.

Interesting Story of a \$100 Bill.

In the April American Magazine we read as follows:

"Mrs. Davis came into possession of a \$100 bill. Prizing this money because it was the first she ever earned, she kept the original bill in her possession most of the time on her person. Only a short time before her death were her relatives aware that she still had the bill.

"When a little girl, nine years old, she deposited \$10 in a savings bank, and received a pass book. She carried this book with her for 75 years. Three weeks before her death she told her grandson she was curious to know if the bank was still doing business and what had become of her \$10 deposit. A letter giving the number of her pass book, the amount of the deposit and her maiden and present name, was written. Just one week from the day the letter was posted a reply was received to the effect that the deposit, together with the accrued interest for 75 years, amounting in all to \$325.65, was in the bank for Mrs. Davis.

Had she deposited the hundred dollar bill with a savings bank paying 4 per cent. interest compounded quarterly, the principal and interest would have amounted to the handsome sum of \$601.89. The bill would have earned for her five other \$100 bills.

"Her investment at nine years of age multiplied itself for her thirty-one times. Her sentiment at the age of 39 persisted in for 45 years, deprived her of many comforts in her old age which the \$600 would have provided."

Pipe lines are now carrying natural gas a distance of 120 miles in California, and from the Caddo field in Louisiana—one of the most productive fields so far discovered—to consumers in towns and cities of Arkansas, 200 miles away. In 1914, the value of natural gas produced in this country is estimated to have been nearly \$100,000,000 or about eight times as much as twenty years ago.

OPERATION TO RESTORE MIND.

Ascribes His Crime to Injury Caused by Kick of Horse.

Lansing, Kas., April 29.—Fred Bissell, whose confession of the murder of Edna Dinsmore, a 10-year-old girl, at Topeka last Tuesday, was given out last night at the State penitentiary here, has written an appeal asking that an operation be performed on his head to make his condition normal. The statement given out today says: "A kick on the back of my head by a horse caused an affliction at the base of the brain, which affliction causes me to be unaccountable for what I do at times. I appeal to the officials of Kansas to secure for me at the earliest possible date an operation for the purpose of raising that portion of my skull now causing pressure on my brain so that I may be restored, if possible, to that of a normal man."

Warden Coding promised to have the operation performed.

WHAT CLOVER DOES.

Thousand Farmers Gather on Farm in Greenwood County.

Greenwood, April 27.—Approximately one thousand farmers from Greenwood, Abbeville, Anderson, Laurens, Edgefield, Saluda and even other counties gathered today at Hodges, in this county, to see the wonderful transformation wrought on ordinary lands by crimson clover, the great work done in the past few years by Mr. Bob S. Hodges, the banker-farmer, of that little town. The meeting was planned by Director W. W. Long, of the State extension department, and the details arranged by County Demonstration Agent C. B. Paris, of Greenwood. It was a complete success in every way. The farmers came by train, trolley, automobiles, wagons and buggies. After a practical demonstration in the big fields dinner was had, and after dinner addresses were made by Mr. Bob Hodges, the Hon. W. W. Long and Deputy Directors Barton and Stewart. These gentlemen proved to the farmers present that the clovers and other legumes are the things with which to enrich South Carolina soils, that they do so with less cost and more lastingly than any commercial fertilizer in the world. Mr. Long was of the opinion after the meeting that much good had been done in getting farmers to come and see at first hand what wonderful work had been done at Hodges by Mr. Bob Hodges. On a six-horse farm last year Mr. Hodges used \$110 worth of fertilizer and made fifteen bales of cotton to the horse. His land is ordinary sandy land.

HEN SINGS AT SUNRISE.

California Barnyard Fowl Cackles Song Like a Canary's.

Harkness Platt, rancher and poultryman, is convinced that there has been philandering going on among the members of his brood of black orpingtons. Else why should an apparently ordinary hen, otherwise well behaved, suddenly produce notes from her throat like a canary?

Platt avers that one of his birds of which he suspected no unusual tendencies in her youth, though he was surprised never to hear a cackle from her as she grew up, has suddenly started to sing with several of the notes and at least a suggestion of the fluency of a pet warbler. Platt does not profess to explain the phenomenon. Nothing like it ever happened in his flock before.

The hen was born, as he remembers, under the usual circumstances, with the exception that the egg from which she evolved was one of only two upon which her maternal parent sat and that the other did not hatch out at all. The little chick grew as little chicks do into a regular hen, apparently happy when it was well fed, but always silent.

When the hen had grown beyond the broiler stage Platt was feeding his brood one afternoon. As he tossed some grain in this hen's direction she suddenly looked up at him and began to sing. It was no ordinary barnyard song at all, but melodious and rhythmic and suggestive of the treble of a song sparrow. Since that day, when the chattering of the flock greet the morn in the usual manner this particular hen sends up a melody that puts her male associates to shame.

As a precaution against her showing further birdlike proclivities and darting off some fine day in flight, Platt has clipped one of her wings. Berkeley (Cal.) dispatch to New York Sun.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading.—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

The South Carolina Sunday-school convention is in session in Charleston this week.

The grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is to meet in Greenville on May 9.

The C. & W. C. depot at Mauldin, Greenville county, was broken into and robbed last week by unknown parties.

Three convicts escaped from the Greenville county chaingang last Thursday. One of the convicts was captured later.

Three young white boys who had been arrested for burglary, escaped from the new Greenville county jail Thursday night.

Ed Knuckly and Annie Azer, Greeks, were arrested in Greenville last week charged with violating the federal white slave law.

Mrs. James T. Carroll, of Bennettsville, died last week of burns received several weeks ago when her clothes caught fire from a trash pile.

Rev. Whitfield Brooks Wharton, superintendent of the Epworth Orphanage, Columbia, died Friday afternoon. He had been in failing health a long time.

The Clio high school team won first honors in the annual South Carolina inter-high school track meet held in Columbia Friday. Greenville was second and Westminster third.

Freeman McCall, aged 16, of the Brandon mill, Greenville, lost a leg and part of his hand when he fell under the wheels of a freight train which he was trying to swing Thursday.

Jas. R. Wigfall, postmaster at Prioleau, Orangeburg county, was given a hearing last week before a United States commissioner and held for trial at Charleston in June. It is alleged that he converted certain money orders to his own use. He was released on bond.

J. C. Henderson, manager of the Greenville plant of the Southern Cotton Oil company pleaded guilty Thursday upon nine warrants charging him and his company with the sale of sacks of fertilizer which were not up to the weight stated on the label. The warrants were sworn out by a number of Greenville county farmers who had purchased the fertilizer. Henderson was fined \$10 on each count and signed an agreement to discount at 20 per cent. all notes for fertilizer where it could be proven that the weights were short.

KILLS HIS OWN BROTHER.

And in Seven Minutes Slayer Is Behind Bars.

Manning, April 27.—George Allen Frierson was shot and killed late yesterday afternoon by his brother, Charlie Frierson, just outside the corporate limits of Manning, in the road near the colored graded school building. It is said that Charlie accused George of stealing a pair of pants of his, with forty cents in one pocket, and that he told Frank King up-town that he was going down to see George and would "do something" to George, or George would "do something" to him. It was not long after this that the shooting occurred, and in seven minutes after the shooting Frank King, who is a special deputy, had the slayer in jail. Coroner Gray held that the deceased came to his death by a pistol shot wound at the hands of Charlie Frierson.

These two boys were involved in a killing about three years ago, when George shot and killed a young negro on the Summerton road just outside of town, while returning one night from a negro hot supper or similar gathering. He was convicted of manslaughter and was sentenced to serve two years on the chain gang. The killing was done with a pistol that Charlie had stolen, and he was convicted of larceny for stealing the pistol and sentenced to serve thirty days, and was also sent up for thirty days additional on conviction for carrying the concealed weapon.

Careless of Her.

"Oh, say, who was here to see you last night?"

"Only Myrtle, father."

"Well, tell Myrtle that she left her pipe on the piano."—University of Nebraska Awgwan.

CONFEDERATE REUNION ENDS.

Rock Hill Did Herself Proud by Entertaining.

Rock Hill, April 27.—The veterans of the Confederate States of America have left and the reunion of 1916 is now history. Rock Hill did everything in her power, from the highest to the lowest citizen, to make the old heroes who wore the grey have a good time in one of the few reunions remaining to them, and they expressed themselves as highly pleased with their brief stay in "the good town." As is usual, the sidelights of the occasion were the brightest. The camp fire talks on the Witherspoon lawn was one of the features most enjoyed. The big lawn, containing seven acres, and set thickly with water oaks, was thickly strung with myriads of colored electric lights and bright bonfires burned in all parts of the grounds. A gaily decorated and lighted stand was in one side for the Veteran staff, the governor and staff and the sponsors and maids of honor. Short speeches were made, stories were told and delightful old-time songs were sung by Mesdames J. B. Steele and R. Z. Thomas. Several thousand were present and the scene was most inspiring. Visitors remarked that the scene was almost as gay as Coney island.

Wednesday evening Main street, from Hampton to Depot, was roped off, and under the brilliant white way lights hundreds of couples danced upon the asphalt, while the veterans and visitors had several sets of old-time dances going to the music of an excellent band. After this the sponsors' ball was given at Friedheim's hall, with music by Johnson's orchestra. Even in this some of the old vets joined, tripping the light fantastic like youngsters. The veterans unanimously voted the "blue ribbon" to Rock Hill.

At the concluding business session of the reunion yesterday many matters of importance were discussed. One matter discussed was that of the efforts of the South Carolina division to have all Confederate soldiers of the State, regardless of physical or financial condition, pensioned. This discussion followed the report of the committee in charge as to their efforts to get the legislature interested in the matter, and Col. Alfred Aldrich, of Barnwell, announced his intention of being a candidate for the next general assembly upon this issue. They very properly consider this a matter of great importance and the committee was continued.

Another matter considered was the desirability of having the next general reunion of Confederate veterans meet in Washington, D. C., with the Grand Army of the Republic, this proposition having been made by a G. A. R. camp of Washington, and an invitation will be extended to the Confederates at their reunion in Birmingham. There was some opposition to holding a reunion outside of a Confederate State, and the matter was finally disposed of by tabling the motion to send uninvited delegates to the general reunion.

The division went on record by adopting a resolution endorsing the movement to have the federal government refund the "cotton tax" collected from the Southern people after the war and strongly endorsed the bill introduced in the house by Congressman John M. Tillman, of Arkansas, and in the senate by Senator E. R. Tillman, of South Carolina, which bill proposes to refund this tax in the form of pensions to Confederate veterans.

INSURANCE LAW UPHOLD.

Supreme Court Passes on Anti-Compact Act.

Columbia, April 27.—Upholding the legality of the Laney-Odom Fire Insurance act, the supreme court in a decision tonight refused to sign an order enjoining the insurance commissioner and the attorney general from enforcing the terms of the law.

The petitions of David B. Henderson, a Charleston insurance man, for an injunction, was dismissed by the court. The opinion was written by Associate Justice Fraser.

"The petition is dismissed and the injunction refused," concluded an order which was signed by all of the justices of the supreme court.

The State officials were represented in the case by Thos. H. Peeples, attorney general. The anti-compact law, which was passed by the last general assembly, will continue in force. Since the passage of the law more than sixty fire insurance companies have withdrawn from the State.

PRES. WILSON ENDORSED

FEATURES CONVENTIONS OF COUNTY DEMOCRATS.

Enthusiasm Marks Adoption of Resolutions Praising Acts and Policies of National Administration.

In every county in South Carolina the Democrats held a convention Monday, principally for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Democratic convention, which will be held in Columbia on Wednesday, May 17. From the reports it appears that a spirit of harmony characterized practically every meeting and in very few were there contests of any consequence. The outstanding feature was the endorsement of the administration of President Woodrow Wilson in every county, some of which instructed their delegates to support in the State convention resolutions for a delegation to the national convention instructed to vote for the renomination of President Wilson.

In many of the conventions the county-to-county campaign system was not mentioned, but where it was discussed, in the majority of cases the decision was in favor of retaining what has become known as the "biennial circus." The Florence convention passed a resolution asking the State convention to permit the people of the State to vote in the primary this summer on the question of abolishing or keeping the present system. In many counties the delegates seemed indifferent on this matter.

According to the report from Beaufort the Christensen faction was in control of the convention and elected its officers and delegates, but it seems that the opposition faction withdrew and that a protest will be made before the State convention.

ADVICE FROM FARMERS' WIFE.

A Farm Without a Garden is a Poor Place to Live.

I wish to say a few words about gardening, because I think a farm without a garden—not merely a place called a garden, but a garden with something growing in it all the year round—is a mighty poor place to live. And all it takes to have a good garden is to properly prepare the ground and plant the right seed at the right time.

I plant onions, lettuce, turnips and sow cabbage seed about the 15th of September, and set out cabbage plants about the 15th of November. Last year I sowed cabbage seed the 25th of September, and the plants were so tender they did not stand the winter weather. The seed should not be sowed later than the 15th of September. I sow the Early Jersey Wakefield, and my home-grown plants about the 15th of November. I have ever bought. I began planting beans about the 10th of March and keep on planting about every 10 days until the 15th of September, and I have green beans from the last days of April until the freezes in November. Peanuts and potatoes are our most profitable truck crops, and we can grow enough of either to fatten our hogs on a piece of ground that would not make more than five bushels of corn. Any farmer who does not raise corn, wheat, oats, peas, sweet and Irish potatoes, peanuts, beef, pork, clover and rye, and make his land better instead of poorer, is a mighty poor farmer, no matter how much cotton he makes.

Very early last spring I noticed that where I had had green onions, lettuce and cabbage growing all winter there were a great many cutworms. I sometimes found as many as 12 around a single bunch of onions, and they were bad all summer in that part of the garden. Where one has a winter garden the plot should be changed every year. Cabbage, corn, in fact nearly everything, will grow better if the ground is changed. A garden should never be allowed to grow up in weeds and grass. All the ground that is not planted in the fall should be turned under and covered with manure.—Mrs. W. H. Butler, in Progressive Farmer.

Otherwise Engaged.

"I used to think I'd like to make a name for myself," said Mr. Chuggins. "Then I got interested in an automobile."

"What difference did that make?"

"Hadden't time to think about names. Was doing well enough to keep track of my numbers."—Washington Star.

The Rosary, May 17th.—adv.

TO BUILD UP TRADE.

Colleton, Beaufort, Jasper and Hampton Unite in Organization.

Walterboro, April 28.—With initial financial pledges aggregating \$4,000 the Southern association was organized here this afternoon by representatives from four counties, Colleton, Beaufort, Jasper and Hampton. The following officers were elected: W. W. Smoak, of Walterboro, president; Neils Christensen, of Beaufort, vice president; R. M. Jefferies, of Walterboro, secretary and treasurer; directors, W. E. Richardson, of Beaufort; E. T. Shaffer, of Walterboro; L. B. Altman, of Ridgeland; J. S. Williams and M. M. Chisolm, of Hampton, and the officers ex-officio.

The next meeting of the association will be held in Hampton, the date to be fixed later. Considerable enthusiasm was shown at the meeting, and it was evident that the citizens present from the four counties interested meant business.

The object of the association, broadly speaking, is the industrial development of this section. A competent man will be employed as a secretary, and it is confidently expected that with the cooperation of all the people of this section the movement will bring about highly satisfactory results.

The delegates and newspaper men assembled this morning at Ritter, near here, as the guests of Messrs. Paul Sanders and Lemacks, proprietors of the Colleton Mercantile and Manufacturing company. The visitors were splendidly entertained, an old time barbecue being the principal attraction. Tonight they were the guests of the Walterboro chamber of commerce at a delightful banquet at the Hotel Albert, where enthusiastic talks were made regarding the enterprise just landed by some of the most substantial citizens of Colleton, Beaufort, Jasper and Hampton counties.

Giving Orders.

The pro-German sources of American propaganda have broken out anew after a lull in their activities. Apparently they are unable to resist the opportunity to be stupid and to belabor the administration to swallow everything it has ever said about armed merchantmen as payment for German "concessions" in the Lusitania controversy. In this respect we have the Detroit Free Press commenting on the latest outbreak:

"George Sylvester Viereck, editor of the Fatherland, which for all practical purposes is the official organ of Mr. Viereck? Is it in the nature of a general caution? Or is it a threat? Or is it an authorized message from Mr. Viereck's master? Again the gentleman says:

"If we desire to remove every possibility of friction and we desire to safeguard the lives of our citizens, there is only one peaceful course open to us; the United States must declare without delay that citizens traveling on board armed ships of belligerents do so at their own risk.

"Or, as Senator Lodge would construe such a declaration, we must enter into alliance with Germany in this matter.

"Is this a command that Mr. Viereck delivers to the American nation? And from whom? Who told the editor of the Fatherland to give out this ultimatum informing us that there is only one peaceful course left open?

"If this is a command, it is also a warning, a warning to be prepared later. Of course, Mr. Viereck does not say he is the unaccredited ambassador from Berlin, vice Bernhard Dernburg, but it does seem queer that he should be sending this editorial utterance of his out broadcast at his own expense."

The Fatherland has, of course, been for long under suspicion as a publication brought into being not merely to express and reflect hyphenated thought in this country, but really the official medium of expression to the Germans and Austrians in this country by the imperial German government, that Bernstorff being necessarily limited in his activities in talking direct to the American people has hired Viereck to do it. This may or may not be true, but at any rate there never has been anything American about the Fatherland whenever there was the strictly Potsdam side of it to take.—Macon Telegraph.

In a modern battle 100,000 men may be killed and wounded, but the tubercle bacillus slaughters 147,600 of our citizens yearly, and 1,500,000 remain infected, the greater number of which will die of tuberculosis.